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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1. - 2. (Canceled)

Claim 3. (Currently Amended) A method of updating personal information by using a computer, the method comprising:

receiving, over the Internet, contact information regarding a user;

storing in a computer accessible memory the contact information regarding the user;

receiving, over the Internet, information regarding contacts of the user;

forming a distribution list of the contacts of the user using the information regarding contacts of the user; and

providing the contact information regarding the user to at least some of the contacts of the user on the distribution list automatically in response to receiving updated contact information of the user, wherein the user is a registered user and the ~~contract~~ contact information is provided to contacts of the user on the distribution list who are not registered users.

Claim 4. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 3 wherein providing the contact information to at least some of the contacts of the user on the distribution list automatically in response to receiving updated contact information of the user comprises sending an e-mail to at least some of the contacts of the user on the distribution list who are not registered users.

Claim 5. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 4 wherein the at least some of the contacts of the user on the distribution list are those contacts of the user on the distribution list having an e-mail address who are not registered users.

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Claim 6. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 4 wherein receiving contact information regarding the user comprises receiving by a server contact information regarding the user from a client.

Claim 7. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 6 wherein the server sends the e-mails to at least some of the contacts of the user in the distribution list.

Claim 8. (Canceled)

Claim 9. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 3 wherein the contact information regarding the user comprises updated contact information regarding the user.

Claim 10. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 9 wherein providing the contact information to at least some of the contacts of the user on the distribution list automatically in response to receiving updated contact information of the user comprises sending an e-mail to at least some of the contacts of the user on the distribution list who are not registered users.

Claim 11. (Cancelled)

Claim 12. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 9 further comprising date stamping the contact information of the user.

Claim 13. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 3 further comprising maintaining at least one flag indicating whether a contact of the user should receive automatic updates of contact information of the user.

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Claim 14. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 3 further comprising maintaining at least one flag indicating whether the user should receive automatic updates of contact information of a contact of the user.

Claim 15. (Currently Amended) An address contact information system comprising:
a server receiving contact information and a contact list for each of a plurality of users;
a mass storage device coupled to the server, the mass storage device storing the contact information and the contact list for each of the plurality of users;
wherein the server is configured to:
assign an identifier to the contact information of each of the plurality of users;
date stamp the contact information of each of the plurality of users;
determine whether the contact information of a specific user is synchronized with contact list of another specific user;
provide the contact information of a specific user to at least some of the users, who are not registered users, indicated in the contact list for the specific user automatically when the contact information for the specific user changes.

Claim 16. (Previously Presented) The address contact information system of claim 15 further comprising:

a plurality of address clients, the address clients in communication with the server over the Internet, each of the address clients receiving contact information from the server, at least some of the address clients comprising a handheld computer.

Claim 17. (Cancelled)